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1. FOLLOWING EVALUATION UNDP PROGRAM MAURITIUS KEYED TO REFTEL:
A. UNDP RESREP COORDINATES ALL UN PROGRAMS ON MAURITIUS. HE IS A SENIOR OFFICIAL WHOSE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES

IS AN INVALUABLE AID TO THE UNDP PROGRAM HERE. HE MAINTAINS GOOD

ANDICLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE GOM AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND

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NATIONAL MISSIONS. ACCORDING TO UNDP, UNICEF AND IBRD ACTIVELY PARTICIPETE IN COUNTRY PROGRAMMING.

B. AS REPORTED LAST YEAR COORDINATION OF EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS MAJOR PART OF UNDP PROGRAM MAURITIUS. UNDP PROGRAM OFFICER SPENDS UPWARD OF 60 PERCENT OF HIS TIME IN COORDINATING NON-UNDP PROGRAMS. GOM IS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ORIENTED AND COOPERATES WITH COORDINATION EFFORTS. EMBASSY OFFICERS AND UNDP RESREP AND PROGRAM OFFICER FREQUENTLY MEET INFORMALLY FOR DISCUSSIONS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

C. FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS DID NOT GREATELY EFFECT 1975 SPENDING. HOWEVER, SEVERAL ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT AT THE PLANNED LEVEL IN 1976. IN CERTAIN PROJECTS UNILATERAL DONORS SUCH AS UK AND FRANCE WILL ASSUME PROGRAMS. OTHER PROGRAM GOALS WILL BE MODIFIED AND LIMITED. GOALS HOPED FOR IN INITIAL STAGES OF SECOND FIVE YEAR CYCLE OF PROGRAMS AND UNDP PLANNING GOALS IN MAURITIUS HAVE ALL BEEN REEVALUATED.

D. GOM OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY GOM ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT ECONOMIST WORK WITH UNDP PROGRAM OFFICER AND RESREP IN PREPARATION OF UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM. NO MAJOR CHANGE IN PREPARATION FROM LAST UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM. UNDP PROGRAMS ARE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW BY UNDP PROGRAM OFFICER AND GOM OFFICIALS TO DETECT PROBLEM AREAS IN SPECIFIC PROGRAMS BEFORE PROGRAM AS WHOLE RUNS INTO DIFFICULTY.

E. EMBASSY BELIEVES REVIEW OF UNDP PROJECTS IS EFFECTIVE. UNDP PROGRAM OFFICER NOTES THAT RECENT CHANGE IN GOM PERSONNEL AT WORKING LEVEL HAS HAMPERED SPEED AND EFFICIENCY OF COORDINATION BETWEEN UNDP AND GOM. UNDP HAS NO PROJECT CONSIDERED MARGINAL. FINANCIAL STRICTURES HAVE FORCED THEM TO DROP PROJECTS GOM DID NOT STRONGLY SUPPORT. EXAMPLES: UNDP SUPPORT TO NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY TO INCREASE FRESH WATER SHRIMP PRODUCTION WAS TERMINATED WHEN GOM WAS ADVISED MAURITIAN PRIVATE SECTOR WILLING TO FINANCE PROJECT. ASSISTANCE TO INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION WILL BE TERMINATED ONE YEAR EARLY. INSTITUTE PROGRAM CONSIDERED LESS THAN TOTALLY SUCCESSFUL AND DOUBTFUL IF ADDITIONAL YEAR OF ASSISTANCE WOULD HELP PROGRAM ACHIEVE ORIGINAL GOALS.

F. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED FULL LIST OF PROJECTS WITH UNDP PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAMMER. INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH UNDP RESREP ARE HELD FROM TIME TO TIME. UNDP EXPERTISE AND PROFESSIONALISM EVIDENT IN COUNTRY PROGRAM PLANNING AND PLAN APPEARS TO BE WELL INTEGRATED INTO DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF MAURITIUS.

G. UNDP HAS NO PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE TWIN OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED REFTEL PARA G, DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST BY GOM. UNDP WILLING TO SUPPORT ANY REALISTIC PROGRAM SUGGESTED

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